

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : GRÄBER et al.  
Serial No. : 10/595,531  
Confirm. No. : 2336  
Filed : April 26, 2006  
For : BALL AND SOCKET...  
Art Unit : 2855  
Examiner : Eric Scott McCall  
Dated : July 5, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

The Office Action dated March 7, 2007 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired June 7, 2007.

Since the attached response is being filed within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$120.00 (fee code 1251).

Respectfully submitted  
for Applicant(s),



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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO  
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.